

Documentation Call Notes – 5th April 2019

Meetings Chaired by Liam Smyth - Director – Trade Facilitation BCC

LS welcomed all to the meeting.

PW advised each of the meetings that the UK Certificates of Origin Chambers had now had printed cannot not be distributed to exporters until the DIT via the BCC had given permission. The BCC understands this is frustrating but as DIT have ultimate authority for these documents we must proceed as requested.

PW also advised that new HMRC stamps for Chambers had been sent from HMRC and would be distributed once a no deal becomes inevitable. HMRC will send the new EUR1 form directly to Chambers. LS reminded the group that for now they can still order the existing EUR1 from HMRC as normal.

As a deal has not been struck with Turkey in the event of a hard Brexit ATR's would cease from that date. It is expected that Turkey will insist on having a non-preference UK Certificate of Origin instead but this cannot be confirmed at this time.

LS was asked about the uptake of EORI numbers for exporters which had previously only exported to the EU and therefore had not needed an EORI number. LS reported that HMRC had said that so far about 55,000 of these companies had applied which was good but that meant there was still 100,000 of these companies that had not applied for a EORI number. If Chambers are aware of any of these companies that have not applied for an EORI number they should advise them to apply immediately. It can be done online and takes roughly ten minutes with a number being issued a few days later.

LS reminded the group that the new UK CO will only be used in the short term if there is a hard Brexit. The earliest that date could currently be is the 12th April. However, at some point the UK will switch to a UK Certificate of Origin so the forms will not be wasted.

LS said that further meetings would be held in the coming weeks. Details will be sent out shortly.

LS thanked all for taking part in the meetings.